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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Most wireless users simply carry a cell phone for emergencies and keeping in touch with home. While this might seem like a small increase on the surface, please be aware during this economic downturn, individuals are losing their jobs in record numbers, and those who are fortunate enough to retain their positions, are do so without the benefit of any pay increases and often are forced to take pay reductions to retain their positions. With the costs of all goods slowly rising, any additional tax imposed upon the general public were be harmful and would cause many individuals to be able to have wireless accounts. In the case of TracFone, we have to pay-as-we-go, and we already pay higher rates than other wireless users, so it is grossly unfair to charge additional fees.

I hope you will give this careful consideration and elect to leave the current policy as is - without an increase.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members